SRI M. Md. ALI (Minister for Transport and Tourism).—

(*a*) 19,215.

(*b*) 42.

Reservation of post to SC/ST in Agricultural University

845. SRI. DHARMASINGH (Jewargi).—Will the Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry be pleased to state,—

(*a*) whether reservations of posts for S.C and S.T., is provided in University of Agricultural Sciences, Hebbal, in teaching and non-teaching caders as has been provided under common University Bill.

(*b*) if not the reasons for not making any provision for reservation of posts for S.Cs./S.Ts by the Agricultural University ?

SRI N. CHIKKE GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry).—

(*a*) There is reservation as far as non-teaching cadres are concerned.

(*b*) A Sub Committee of the Board of Regents is considering the question of providing reservation in teaching posts. A proposal to amend the provisions of Section 37(2) of the Universite of Agricultural Sciences Act purporting to make it obligatory on thy part of University of Agricultural Sciences to reserve posts in S.Cs /S.Ts. for several cadres is also separately under the consideration of Govern ent.

Inefficient and dishonest Officers of U. A. S.

860. K.H. HANUMEGOWDA (Hassan).—Will the Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry be pleased to State.—

(*a*) whether there is provision for taking action against inefficient and dishonest officers of the U. A. S. under Rule 285 of K. C. S. Rs.

(*b*) if not, the reasons for not having such provisions.

(*c*) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to enable to take action in this regard ?

SRI N CHIKKE GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The U. A. S. is an autonomus body established under the Act passed by the State Legislature and Rules in K. C. S Rs. will not be automatically applicable to the U. A S.

(*c*) Government have already addressed the U. A S. to make suitable provision in its statutes in this regard,

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(*i*) *re*: *Reduction of Rates charged for eatables in hotels.*

SRI T. R. SHAMANNA (Fort).—Madam, I call the attention of the Honble Minister for Food and Civil Supplies to an urgent matter of public importance regarding the rates charged for eatables in hotels.

SMT. E. E. VAZ (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies).—Madam, in response to the Calling Attention Notice of the Hon'ble Member Sri Shamanna, I wish to make the following statement :—

Soon after the introduction of the emergency and after an assessement of the falling trend in prices, the Food and Civil Supplies Department has been continuously watching the level of prices in hotels, restaurants and other eating houses. In July 1975, certain reductions were effected by such establishments after discussions with Government in this department and again, from the 1st of March, 1976, certain further reductions were made. In effecting these reductions the view has been that the hoteliers and restaurant owners should voluntarily effect such cuts and, if possible, statutory regulations in this filed should be avoided.

Recently, as part of the general implementation of policies for the benefit of the common man, certain reductions have been annouced on the basis of available data in the case of hotels in Bangalore by the Minister of State for Labour and I am happy to notice that most of the hotels have agreed to reduce prices to the levels announced, subject to a detailed consideration of the entire matter. These reductions are effected as a voluntary measure without Government having to invoke statutory authority. Taking all circumstances into consideration, it is no doubt possible for hoteliers and restaurant owners to reduce prices.

We have, however, received a few representations that the prices of some of the items fixed do not work out economic from the point of view of some of the hoteliers. In fact as I have mentioned earlier, the prices wich have now been announced are tentative and their implementation is voluntary, I have already said that these prices are